

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JANUARY 11, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Bloom Township Board of Trustees was held at the Bloom Township Center, 425 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois at 6:10 p.m. on January 11, 2022. Said meeting was called pursuant to written order to the Supervisor and the Board more than 48 hours to the time given as aforesaid being on file in the office of the Town Clerk, pursuant to the Authority of 60 ILCS 1/30-15 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois.

Supervisor Thomas J. Somer requesting Clerk Carla Matthews to call the roll to open the meeting. The meeting continued with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Present was:

Cheryl Franklin	Trustee
Don Garcia	Trustee
Jacqueline Stewart	Trustee
Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor

Also present was Administrator/ Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson, Attorney Terry Casey, Deputy Assessor Miriam Slaughter, Food Pantry Director Susana Long, Maintenance Department Jesus Rodriguez, Senior Department Office Manager Katie Kelly, Transportation Department Coordinator Gayle Planera and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez, Trustee Michael Noonan and Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa.

The minutes of December 14, 2021, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Franklin seconded by Trustee Stewart.  
Roll call votes:

Trustee Garcia	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Absent
Trustee Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank letter from Greater Faith Baptist Church.  
Save the Date card from The Cancer Support Center.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:**

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills of December 28, 2021 and January 11, 2022.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for December 28, 2021 and January 11, 2022

Road and Bridge	\$ 29,626.89
Town Fund	\$212,095.59
General Assistance	\$ 37,742.42

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Garcia	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Absent
Trustee Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the Food Pantry report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the General Assistance report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the Senior Department report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DONATION REQUEST FROM RESPOND NOW.**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board stating a donation in the amount \$200.00 was donated in January 2021.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to donate \$200.00 seconded by Trustee Garcia and Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Garcia	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Absent
Trustee Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED ASSESSOR:**

Supervisor Somer explained the oath of office would be administered via teleconference to Assessor Nora Gomez because she was not able to attend the board meeting. When Assessor Gomez is able to attend a board meeting the oath of office will be administered again.

Clerk Matthews administered Oath of Office to Assessor Nora Gomez via teleconference. Assessor Gomez thanked everyone in attendance.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

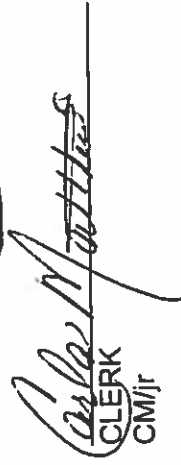
Supervisor Somer stated the Township is working on Covid polices that is OSHA compliance. When the Covid policy is completed, it will be presented to the board members.

The Township will have a full time drive thru testing site in the bus garage. The hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If needed the testing will increase to seven days a week.

Supervisor Somer stated Marian High School will be the Wall That Heals site.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Garcia made a motion seconded by Trustee Stewart. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

  
SUPERVISOR

  
CLERK  
CMI/jr